

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4: 16

Alleluia, alleluia! / A people in darkness have seen a great light: / a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 1: 21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

THE SAVING WORD

28 JANUARY 2024

LISTEN

Listening is a central part of being a follower of Christ: listening to the Holy Spirit, to the Word, and to each other. Today we are called to listen and give undivided attention to the Lord, to a prophet like Moses, and to Jesus in the Gospel.

Moses reveals that "God will raise up a prophet like myself from among yourselves, from your own people ... to him you must listen" (Deut 18:15). He reminds the people that this is what they have asked for. In the letter to the Corinthians Paul addresses the anxieties of the community as "the present form of the world is passing away" (1 Cor 7:31). Paul expresses his wish that they be free from anxieties by giving attention to the Lord.

The Gospel continues the beginning of Jesus ministry in what I call "Jesus Central" – Capernaum (Kefar Nahum). It is where Jesus made his home during his Galilean ministry. We notice it is Shabbat, the sabbath, and Jesus is in the synagogue teaching. "They" (those in the synagogue) are astounded by his teaching. "They" are listening as he teaches with authority. Juxtaposed with this is the exorcism of an unclean spirit which brings both amazement and the question: "what is this? A new teaching with authority" (v. 27). We hear that his fame spreads, but are they truly listening, and do they recognise who he is? Jesus proclaims the good news in word and deed and expects a change of heart. How are we listening today?

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

Deut 18: 15-20

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."'

■ The word of the Lord

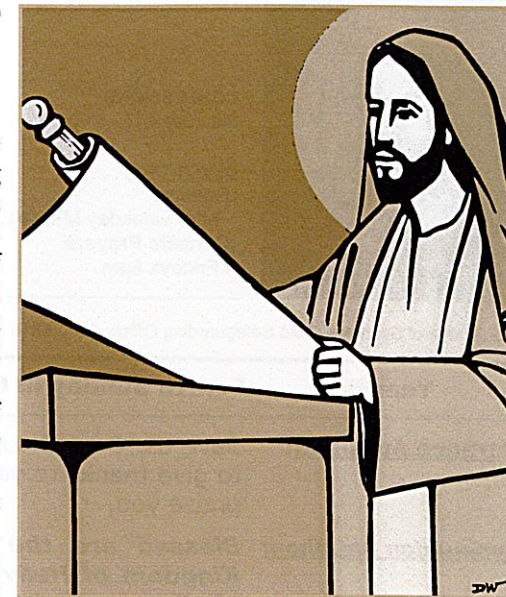
RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 94: 1-2, 6-9. R. v. 9

R. If today you hear his voice harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; / hail the rock who saves us. / Let us come before him, giving thanks, / with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

2. Come in; let us kneel and bend low; / let us kneel before the God who made us / for he is our God and we / the people who belong to his pasture, / the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

3. O that today you would listen to his voice! / 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, / as on that day at Massah in the desert / when your fathers put me to the test; / when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Cor 7: 32-35

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

■ The word of the Lord.

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CONFESSIONS:
Saturday 4:15 - 5:00 pm

DEVOTIONS

:Rosary
after weekday Masses
:Cenacle Prayers
Fridays 5pm

MASS TIMINGS:

Monday 8:00 am; Tuesday 7:00 pm
Wednesday to Friday 8:00 am
Saturday 8:00 am and Vigil 5:30 pm
Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 am

Baptisms and Marriages: By appointment

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wednesday after the 8:00 am Mass.

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament
Saturday from 4:15pm to 5:00 pm
First Fridays from 11.30am to 12.15pm

Archdiocese of Sydney's Child Safeguarding Office: 9290 5810 safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org

Year B: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 28-01-2024

Entrance Antiphon: Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

Communion Antiphon: *Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the land.*

Prayer for the week: O God, powerful and gentle, you love this Southern land and all its people, old and new. As the Cross shines in our heavens so may Christ bring light to our nation. As the waves encircle our shores so may your mercy enfold us all. O God, the wonders of our vast and rugged land reflect your beauty, ever ancient, ever new. May your blessings flow upon us, as a stream in the desert, and may your Spirit prompt us to use your gifts for the good of all. Amen. (ref: www.northsydneycatholics.com 1979)

We offer special prayers for:

The sick: Lynette Drew, Jorge Azar, Milagros F. Cannistraro, Sarah Cannistraro, Sevi Zachary Claveria, Judy Chen, Marieta De Venecia, Sue Domancich, Vivian Felice, Herman Liew, Jim Lisbona, Doris Magri, Cecilia Malkun, Javier Malkun, July Malkun, Manuel Mantilla, Marija & Barclay Family, Owen McLoughlin, Felomina Moulic, Jay R. Moulic, Salvador Murillo, Yvonne Parry, Jessa Reina De Vera-Cruz, Thelma Soriano, Ann-Marie Stevens, Venus Tabayoyong, James Trehwella, Aurea Visperas, Alison Wilkinson, Jessica & Joseph Wilkinson, all our sick parishioners, sick members of our families and friends and all the sick in the world.

The deceased: Anniversary: Milton De Silva (anniv on 29 Jan)

Recently: Victoria Boudeville, John Joseph Daley (Michael Daley's father), Irudaya Doss (Fr Daney's father), Bernice Ayling, Bev Kuschert, Daniel Leow, Patrick Spain

Others: Des Ebejer, Margaret Cheong, Thelma Stevens, John Wilkinson, Andrew Spiteri, Phillip & Frances Merillo, Marriana Vella, Joseph Vella, Jose Emilio Sousa Brito, Jose Roumeirao Brito, Elisa Gusmao Brito, Joaquim Inacio Brito, Michael Hermmigs, the deceased members of our families and friends and all Souls in Purgatory.

Roster Feb 3/4 5.30pm

8am

10am

Lectors:

Violet & Leilani Barnes
Harry Bickers

Bev Anlezark

Reuben Kahn
Marilyn Kahn

Church Cleaning & Preparation: Roster 3 Feb (First Saturday of the month)

Flowers Arranging: Mona Rezcallah Dusting & Tidying Pews: Mona Rezcallah
Vacuuming Church Floor: Sebastian Cheong

Feast Day(s) of the Week: 31 Jan – Saint John Bosco
2 Feb – The Presentation of the Lord

First Friday of the month Anointing of the Sick during 8am mass on 2nd February.

First Friday Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on 2nd February from 11.30am to 12.15pm

Fr Daney is away in India until 13th February 2024. Fr Daney's father Irudaya Doss died on 13 January 2024 in India. Eternal rest grant unto him. May perpetual light shine upon him. Thank you for your prayers for Fr Daney's late father and his family. Please continue to pray for them. Fr Allan Casquejo and Fr Rafael Silva Galicia from Holy Family Maroubra will look after your pastoral needs while Fr Daney is away. Many thanks to Fr Allan & Fr Rafael.

2024 Daily Mass Books for \$20 each: There are still about 6 Daily Mass books available in the church foyer. Please place your cash or tap device receipt in the chained box.

OLA Pagewood Parish's Presbytery Refurbishment:

OLA Pagewood Parish's presbytery is in need of repairs; and the refurbishment work has already begun. The parish is asking for help (if you can) with the expenses of the refurbishment. Please use the specially allocated envelopes in the church for your contributions (not taxable). Thank you very much for your donations and support. May God bless you abundantly.

Readers Roster Jan to June 2024 is available in the church porch. Please tick off your name after picking up your copy. It has been emailed out as well.

Pagewood Planned Giving Change: From 1st January 2024, The Weekly Planned Giving Envelopes contributions are allocated to Pagewood Church Account's Loose Collection.

Volunteers Needed:

Flower Arranger needed: A volunteer is needed to arrange the altar flowers on the fourth Saturdays of the month.

A lector/reader is needed to read at the Sunday 8am masses.

If you are able to help in any of the voluntary tasks, please email the parish office. Thank you.

The First Collection taken after the Prayer of Faithful supports our Archdiocesan clergies' stipends and presbytery expenses. **The Second Collection** which will be taken immediately after The First Collection supports our church's liturgical and running expenses as well as repairs and maintenance. **Tap donations are divided equally to First & Second Collections.**

Working with Children Check Update

The Archdiocese of Sydney's Safeguarding Office updated the list of parish Volunteers required to maintain a Working with Children Check recently. **Readers and Wardens now DO NOT have to obtain and maintain a WWCC.** The updated list is on the noticeboard.